## What's changed regarding this weekend's forecast

## NWS Watches/Warnings/Advisories:

- Regarding the Lake Effect Snow Potential a Winter Storm Warning for, Oswego, Jefferson, Lewis, Erie, Genesee, Wyoming, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Southwestern St. Lawrence has been issued.
  - For Erie, Genesee and Wyoming Counties: 1-3 feet are possible in the most persistent snow bands. Winds gusting
    as high as 65 mph are possible. The strongest winds will be Sat into Sun. Blizzard conditions will be possible at
    times, especially Saturday night and Sunday.
  - For Oswego, Jefferson and Lewis Counties: 1-3 feet are possible in the most persistent snow bands. Winds gusting
    as high as 60 mph are possible. The strongest winds will be Sat into Sun. Blizzard conditions will be possible at times,
    especially Saturday night and Sunday.
  - For Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties: 8 17 inches are possible in the most persistent snow bands. Winds
    gusting as high as 60 mph are possible. The strongest winds will be Sat into Sun. Blizzard conditions will be possible at
    times, especially Saturday night and Sunday.



## Notable forecast changes:

- <u>Lake Effect Snow Forecast:</u> Confidence continues to increase regarding the heaviest snow bands for this weekend.
  - It is increasingly likely the south towns of Buffalo will be most impacted.
  - The possibility of 1-2' of snow is becoming more likely Saturday through Sunday, where the heaviest band sets up.
  - Snowfall rates will likely range between 1-3"/hr.
  - Winds will gust between 40-50 mph, with localized gusts in excess of 60-65 mph possible.
  - The combination of strong winds and heavy snowfall will create major visibility issues. Travel will be incredibly difficult, if not impossible in the Buffalo area and points just South from Saturday evening through lunchtime on Sunday.

## Snow Squalls Possible Sunday:

- Conditions are favorable for snow squalls to develop east of Binghamton on Sunday.
- Snow squalls are likely to travel west to east on Sunday mid morning through the early afternoon hours.
  - This could affect people traveling on I-87, I-90, I-84, I-88 and the NYC/Long Island area.